



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 13

Meeting Date: Friday, January 4, 2013
Meeting Location: Monroe County DCS
1783 W. 3rd Street
Bloomington, IN 47404
Training Room

Council Members Present:

Chairperson and Regional Manager Vickie Jones; Director Harmony Gist, Monroe County; Director Sonya Seymour, Owen County; Director Cami Terry, Lawrence County; Heather Hughes, Supervisor Lawrence County; Jackie Haddix, Supervisor Greene County; Nicole Freeman, FCM Owen County

Ad-Hoc Members Present: Natalie Kassenbrock, IHBS Community Partners; Jonathan Straus, IHBS Community Partners; Chris Gaal, Monroe County Prosecutor Steve Adams, Regional Finance Manager;

Council Members Absent:

I. Welcome / Introductions:

The meeting was brought to order by Chairperson, Vickie Jones. Self introductions by all in attendance were made and concluded.

II. Minutes:

The minutes were not reviewed from last meeting as they were never sent.

III. Community Partners – Ireland Home Based Services:

Community Partners (CP) reports are posted on the IHBS website. In Region 13 there are 124 families being served. There were 56 referrals during the month of October and 48 referrals for November. CP reports are now posted on the Website. If you need a refresher on how to access, Natalie Kassenbrock would be happy to assist you. First report is regarding referrals. The second report is in regards to budget. Reallocation funds are \$155, 623.00. As of November 2012 28.5% of budget which is on target at 42%. Natalie brought brochures for anyone who needed them and distributed them after the meeting adjourned. Natalie also shared two success stories:

1. Single Father with two teen boys had been homeless for 3 to 4 months. Staying wherever they could sometimes in separate places. CP used resources to find him affordable housing before Christmas.
2. Single Mom with 6 year old-needed help with employment and Christmas for child. CP used resources to help with Job applications and Toys for Tots. Mom is now employed and child enjoyed Christmas with presents.

Vickie asked about what she used to call Material relief and the \$300.00 cap. This cap is set at \$1000.00 in other counties. There was a call for discussion CP agrees an increase is due. Sonya Seymour motioned to increase cap to \$1000.00. Chris Gaal seconded. Call to vote resulted in the motion carried.

Harmony Gist asked if a list of services this money could be used for was available. CP has a list they will provide. CP explained the assessment process and explained they also use the community resources for services for the clients such as Churches, etc.

IV. Regional Finances - Steve Adams

No Financial supplements were provided due to the fact that they are not accurate yet, as they are cleaning up KidsTrack information. They will be available by next meeting. The budget is six months closed out. So far 50% is spent and the budget is on target. Central office will continue to manage to June 30, 2013. The allocations for this year are 8.9 million. There was 7.9 million spent last year. This was 92% of the allocated 8.6 million. The Children's fund is close to 10 million this which is an increase over last year. Allocations are on track. Central office is in the process of creating a lock system for KidsTrack in order to track payments directly to the referral. This will avoid payments being applied to the wrong county.

Sonya Seymour asked if probation will be receiving extra money this year. Steve Adams explained that they will look at monthly allocations of what is needed by the 6 month history.

V. Regional Service Needs:

There is a proposal out for all encompassing service. This is due back by January 31, 2013. Vickie explained that there will need to be a committee to review this. Will need to be at least 3 people from probation on the committee. Vickie will send out an email about this. Harmony asked if they could subcontract and Vickie said no. Cami Terry asked about Dr. Fred Newland. Is he approved? Vickie said yes. He does D&E and Psych evaluations and can come to you. There was a call for discussion and there was none.

VI. Announcements:

No announcements at this time. A general discussion about no new Director yet.

Chris Gaal asked about the break in at Suzie's Place in Avon. Vickie said there was security donated to them. Harmony Gist said no interviews were stolen and no confidentiality broken. They did not take the IRecord system. System files are encrypted and there are backups. But she did question whether this is something that can be brought up as an issue in Court. Due to the theft and break in. Vickie questioned whether RSC could meet quarterly and why only on Friday? Chris Gaal questioned whether this issue had been previously decided. Harmony Gist pointed out that it had been discussed but never voted on. Vickie will send out a questionnaire regarding what day of the week is best to hold the RSC meeting. Steve Adams stated first Friday of the month is to close the 5th of the month which is too close to financial close-outs. He would prefer 2nd Friday if possible. Chris Gaal agreed that 2nd Friday is better for him also. Sonya Seymour motioned for 2nd Friday of the month. Chris Gaal seconded the motion. Call to vote resulted in motion carried. Jackie Haddix then motioned for Quarterly meetings. Harmony Gist seconded the motion. Call to vote resulted in the motion carried.

Vickie Jones let everyone know that there is a need for a FCM and Foster Parent representative to attend the meetings as Nichole Freeman has been promoted to a Supervisor position and the Foster Parent rep has resigned.

VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for April, 12, 2013 at 10 AM.